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Carrie Fernandez

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"While Dracula exists, children live in terror. I cannot desert them!"
– Carrie, in *Legacy of Darkness*

Carrie Fernandez (キャリー・ヴェルナンデス *Kyarī Verunandesu*) is a playable main character in *Castlevania* and *Castlevania: Legacy of Darkness*, with her backstory and quest being just about the same for both games.

She appears as one of the two main protagonists in *Castlevania* (the other being *Reinhardt Schneider*) and is playable from the start; however, in *Legacy of Darkness*, she has to be unlocked during *Henry*'s quest by finding *one of the missing children*.

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History

Early life

Carrie Fernandez, a descendant of the powerful witch *Sypha Belnades*, was born in 1840 into a family of Spanish immigrants, who were traveling through Eastern Europe. The patriarch of the Fernandez clan fell under the influence of *Dracula*. They were slowly wiped out through him or by the people who feared them. Many were executed for showing talents of witchcraft (including Carrie's parents). That memory stayed with her and led her to grow bitter toward adults and God. Though she became an orphan, she was adopted by a kind adoptive mother. Her strange talents came to her foster mother's attention and a search through records uncovered her link to the Fernandez family. As Dracula's baleful influence once again permeated Europe, the people of *Wallachia* grew uneasy and fearful. Dracula's minions had begun to send waves of forces into nearby villages. When they came to Carrie's village, the girl's adoptive mother selflessly protected her and was killed in the process. Carrie's anguish upon witnessing her mother's death awakened her latent magic powers, allowing her to destroy the creatures and evade capture.

Embittered and disillusioned by the wanton murder of her foster mother, as well as the murder of her original parents, Carrie turned her back completely on God and adults. Two years later, after hearing rumors of the reappearance of *Castlevania*, Carrie intrepidly traveled to Dracula's stronghold. During her travel, she met two holy knights, *Henry Oldrey* and *Reinhardt Schneider*, and she joined them in their quest to stop Dracula, having resolved to use her magic powers to vanquish him and his minions, and thus destroy his evil. Carrie began her quest vowing that "Whatever awaits, I have no regrets!".

Carrie in *Castlevania (N64)* and *Legacy of Darkness*

Carrie uses her magic to fight through dangerous locales and overcome the many monsters Dracula's minions placed in her way. She is joined in her quest by Reinhardt Schneider and Henry Oldrey. In her journey to the castle, she encounters several helpful people: the unwilling vampire *Rosa*, who gives her advice, and *Charlie Vincent*, an arrogant vampire hunter who gives her the key to the *Villa*'s archives. She also meets *Ranon*, a demon of ambiguous affiliation who offers to sell her useful items during her quest.

Two characters prove to be particularly important in her story. One is the young boy *Malus*, who has seemingly gotten lost in the Villa's Garden Maze after Dracula's demons attacked his family. Carrie helps the boy escape from the maze. After leading him to safety, Carrie doesn't anticipate seeing him again. The other character is *Actrise*, a witch who Carrie meets just before entering the *Castle Center*. While Carrie's adoptive mother sacrificed her own life to save her daughter, Actrise sacrificed her own child to gain eternal life. Actrise asks Carrie to join the forces of evil and aid them with her powerful magic, an offer which Carrie refuses outright.

In the vast Castle Center, Carrie and Reinhardt had to overcome many puzzles and defeat a *Behemoth* monster, but the most disturbing incident proves to another meeting with Malus. The boy has mysteriously found his way into this den of monsters. When Carrie questions him, Malus replies in foreboding terms and runs deeper into the castle, leaving Carrie alone and confused. She meets Actrise again just before taking an elevator to the *Tower of Science*. Actrise brings the *Fernandez warrior* with her, a fellow descendant of Sypha Belnades who set out to defeat Dracula but was caught and turned into a vampire. After a protracted battle with the curse, the woman's iron resolve failed, leaving her desperate for human blood. A battle between the relatives ensued, in which Carrie ultimately won a bittersweet victory. She then vows that she will make sure Dracula is destroyed, and implies that she may have regained her faith in God by stating that Camilla will meet her deceased mom in heaven.

After surviving technological weapons in the Tower of Science and enchantments in the *Tower of Sorcery*, Carrie engages Actrise in battle atop the *Room of Clocks*, also declaring the latter to be "pathetic" after learning of her background of how she had managed to include her own daughter among the hundred children she callously murdered to prove her loyalty to Dracula. Although Actrise has prodigious control over her dark magic, Carrie proves to be the stronger of the two and defeats the wretched witch. Carrie also deduced that Dracula most likely deliberately had Actrise fight her in order to delay her arrival, and vowed that Dracula is the one entity she will never forgive.

Overcoming the challenge of the Clock Tower, Carrie and Reinhardt reach the *Castle Keep* and confront Dracula. In the battle that follows, they defeat him with surprising ease.

Just as her whip-wielding counterpart, Reinhardt, has two alternate endings, so does Carrie. Depending on the length of time it took the player to complete the game, events taking place after the clock tower will differ. If the player took less than ten days (in game time) to reach the Castle Keep, they would receive the "Good Ending". Any time more than ten in-game days and they would receive the "Bad Ending".

Though the game keeps Carrie and Reinhardt's quests strictly separate during play, the prologue to Cornell's quest makes reference to both characters' attacks on the castle as being simultaneous, so it indicates that they traveled together in order to defeat Dracula for good.

Bad ending

After easily defeating Dracula, Carrie turns to discover Malus hiding behind a pillar in the Castle Keep. They leave the castle together and on the way back to the village, Malus asks Carrie her hand in marriage. Carrie refuses at first, but agrees to marry him when they are older. Malus mutters to himself: *"Then we have a binding contract"*, which gives a slight view into Malus' true intentions.

Good ending

With his final breath, the vampire wills the keep to collapse and seal Fernandez in a rocky tomb. Fleeing the tower, Carrie is attacked by Malus as he flies over her on a winged horse.

Carrie follows Malus to the top of the Clock Tower, where he reveals that he was the resurrected Dracula all along. The vampire she defeated in the Keep was one of Dracula's servants, *Gilles de Rais*, disguised as the Count to draw suspicion away from the child. Malus transforms into a grown man, the real Dracula. Carrie defeats him and he transforms back into a child. In an attempt to fool Carrie, he pretends to not remember the events that just transpired. *Charlie Vincent*, having reached them just in time, reveals Malus' deception by throwing holy water on him. Enraged, Dracula transports himself and Carrie to another dimension, revealing his true form in a final effort to destroy her. With her hereditary magic and conviction, Carrie manages to overcome the monstrous Count once and for all. After Dracula's defeat, she is transported back to her own dimension where she watches the castle crumble into the lake. Her quest complete, Carrie finds peace by visiting her mother's grave, placing flowers on the monument to honor her memory.

Other appearances

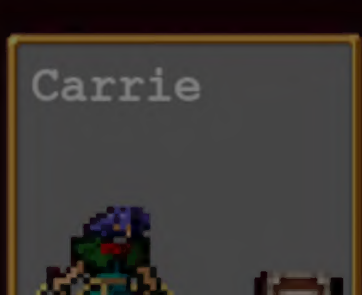
Non-*Castlevania* appearances

Vampire Survivors

Carrie appears as a hidden character in the *Qde To Castlevania* DLC.

She is unlocked by obtaining the *Black Disk Relic*, and by evolving the *Custos glyphs*, two of which are starting weapons choices of *Cornell* in his human form, alluding to her nature as an unlockable character in *Curse of Darkness*.

Her starting weapon is the *Rock Riot*.



Carrie's select profile in *Vampire Survivors*.

Quotes

About Carrie

- Actrise:**

She has such power it is almost terrifying... only a child, but a true Fernandez.

By Carrie

- Whatever awaits, I have no regrets!*
- Don't treat me like a child... my mission is to save the world from Dracula!*
- Alas, I could not save you... when I destroy Dracula, you will meet my mother in Heaven.*
- ...she was really only my stepmother. But my mother gave her life to save mine. She truly loved me. She showed me happiness.*
- Dracula, Prince of Evil... only you I can never forgive!*
- I have the power to destroy Dracula. You stood no chance.*

Notes

- To unlock Carrie as a playable character in *Castlevania: Legacy of Darkness*, the player has to find Bess during Henry's quest. She can be found in the Castle Wall, in a section with no floor when the player enters the castle gate. At the four rotating spiked platforms there will be a ledge with the child in the center.
 - To unlock Carrie's alternate costume, after finding Bess the player has to find Florence during Henry's quest. She's found in the Outer Wall. After riding the first platform up, you will find yourself under a small decorative overhang; if you jump to the edge jutting out from the arch, you will be right next to the child.

Trivia

- Carrie's story went through multiple rewrites. Originally she was called "Carrie Eastfield" and at some point her surname have been changed to "Belnades" only to be changed to "Fernandez" in the final game.
- Carrie's cousin, who she fights in the *Castle Center*, was originally supposed to be a revived *Sypha Belnades* from *Castlevania III: Dracula's Curse*. Later, she was renamed to "Camilla Belnades"; but in the final game she is nameless.
- Carrie's personal level in *Castlevania 64* is the *Tower of Sorcery*. She also received the *Tower of Science* as her personal level, which originally belonged to the cut character, Collier.
- Carrie's early story was that she was feared and ostracized by the other villagers due to her supernatural powers, which she used for peaceful purposes such as making flowers bloom in the winter. Supposedly, she ventured into *Dracula's Castle* believing that she was cursed by *Dracula* and that he could unlock her full potential.

References

- ↑ Alternate continuity.
- ↑ Only in the bad ending.

External links

- Carrie Fernandez at the Castlevania Fan Wiki
- Konami of Europe's Carrie Fernandez profile (archived: February 14, 2002)
- Carrie Fernandez at the Vampire Survivors Wiki

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